

2 September 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: PSB Meeting Held Wednesday, 2 September 1953

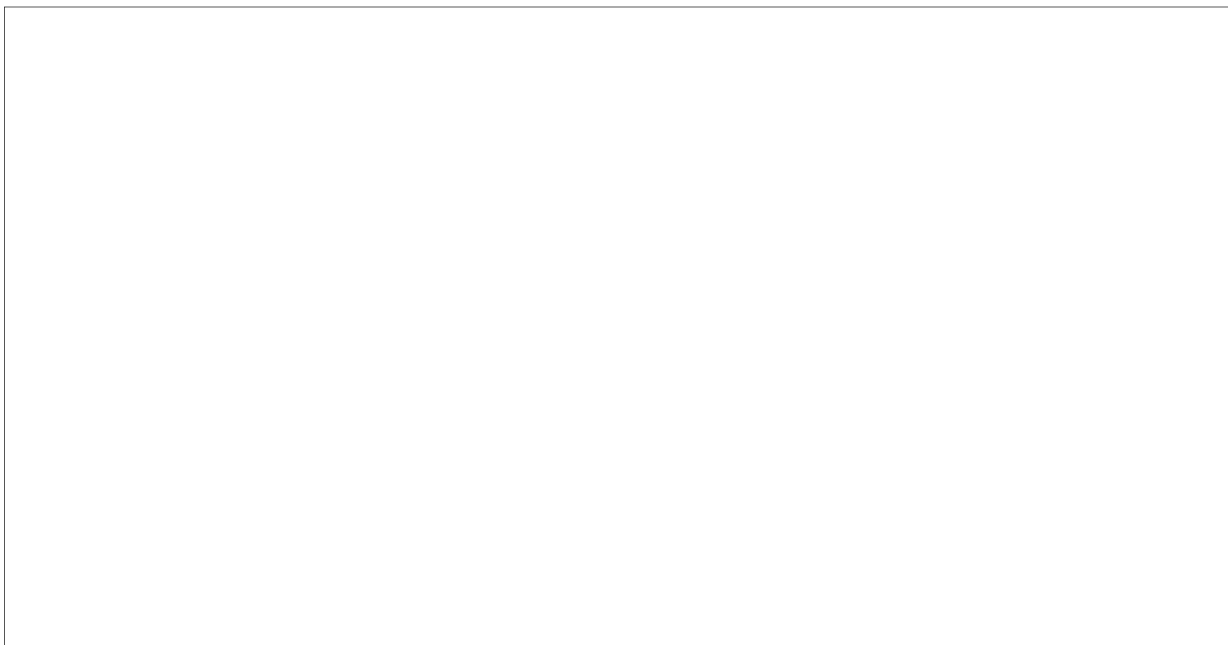
Present: General Smith, Messrs. Kyes, Stassen, Jackson, Morgan and General Cabell

1. U. S. Psychological Strategy Based on [REDACTED]

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The Board approved the paper subject to amendment by this Agency which permits CIA to prepare during Phase I for Phase II operations. This preparation will be limited to certain specified types of activities and subject to the approval of the Operations Coordinating Board. The types of activities specifically now authorized by the PSB acting for OCB are:

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2. U. S. Prestige Abroad.

A drafting group from PSB, using the CIA draft of material, will draft a paper for consideration by PSB at the 16 September meeting. The CIA representative on that drafting committee will be Mr. Amory. ( [REDACTED] will inform the Secretary of the PSB as to who that nominee is.)

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I informed the PSB, and they agreed to this procedure, that the CIA draft is to be used solely as basic material for the PSB drafting committee to use. This material will have no further distribution outside the PSB area, and will lose its identity as CIA material. Further, the CIA draft study will be especially safeguarded in its handling by members of PSB.

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3. The Merger of the Committees working on PSB D-40 and PSB D-45 was approved without discussion.

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5. Other Business.

a. The idea of the "Christmas package" was discussed. I reported that CIA had gone forward with a study of the feasibility and practicability of such a Christmas operation, and had run up against the necessity for the answers to a number of questions, such as:

(1) How large should this operation be in terms of the food poundage to be delivered and the amount of money to be expended?

(2) To what areas are the deliveries to be made; i.e., what satellite countries or areas of Soviet control?

(3) Who should be given the responsibility for conducting the operation? (Even the smallest program which would answer the understood terms of reference could not possibly be done on a covert basis and hence CIA is not the organization to actually conduct the operation.)

(4) If the job is to be done governmentally, i.e., with official U. S. acknowledgment of responsibility, then what department or agency of the government should be given the assignment?

(5) If the job is to be done non-governmentally, then what kind of organization or group should undertake it? (It has been suggested that a committee of private citizens could be organized for this purpose and that the NCFE might be requested to undertake the actual execution)

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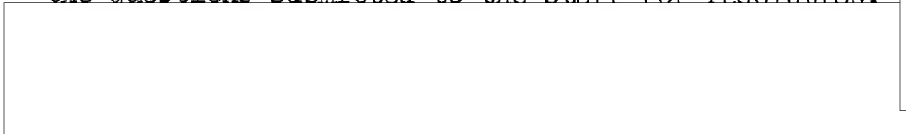
(7) If the job is to be done governmentally, or with government support and assistance, who is to pay for it?

I recommended that the PSB staff be called upon to draft answers to those questions for consideration by the PSB. This action was concurred in. In the meantime, however, PSB indicated a strong concurrence in principle for the "Christmas package" operation [redacted]

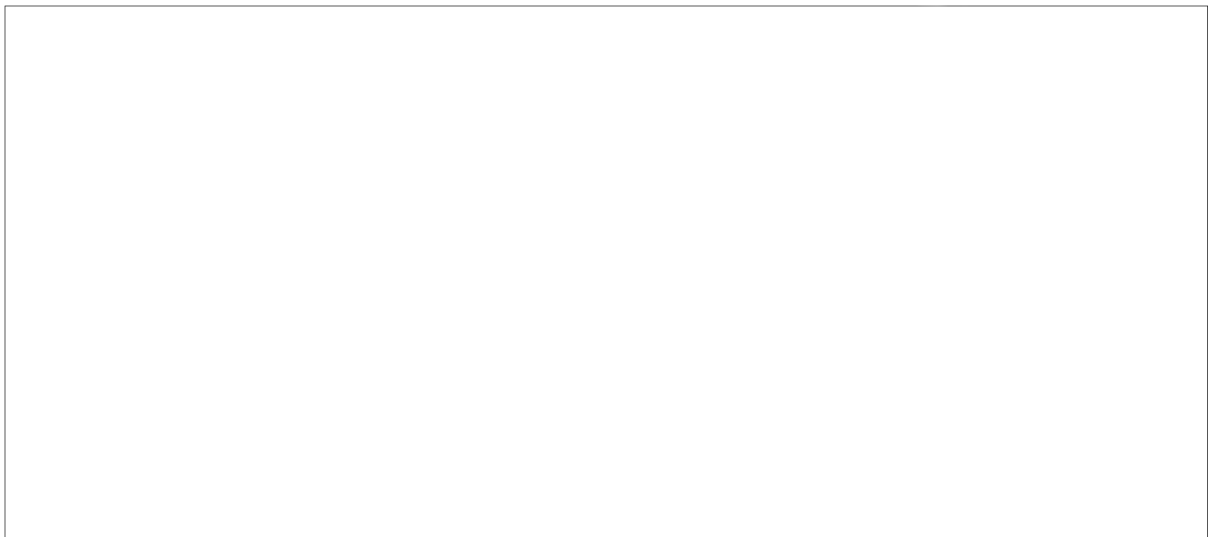
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[redacted] subject to the findings developing from the answers to the questions submitted to the staff for resolution. [redacted]

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General Smith further indicated that it was not necessary to refer to any other State office.

c. Mr. Kyes described a joint State-Defense white paper being written concerning American POW's not returned by the Communists. A PSB working group is to staff this paper, with CIA member on the working group to be Mr. Wisner. (ACTION: [redacted] to advise Secretary, PSB, as to the CIA nominee.)

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d. The next PSB luncheon will be 16 September, with CIA as  
the host. (ACTION: Mr. )



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